

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Scott Costa et al.	§	ART UNIT:	3676
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SERIAL NO.:	10/511,410	§		
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FILED:	August 24, 2005	§	EXAMINER:	Zakiya W. Bates
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FOR:	Protective Sleeve For	§		
	Threaded Connections For	§		
	Expandable Tubular Liner	§	CONFIRMATION No.:	6688

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION FILED 14 DECEMBER 2009**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Atty. Dkt. No.: 2725-10105
Date: January 18, 2010

Sir:

Before Applicants' Amendment and Request for Continued Examination dated 14 December 2009 is fully considered and examined, Applicants respectfully request the following preliminary amendment be entered for consideration:

Amendments to the Claims is reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.